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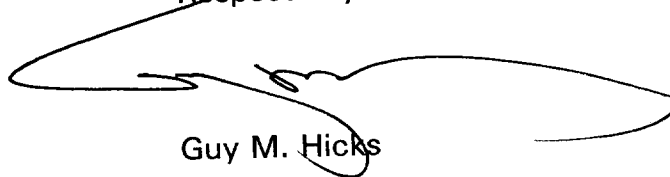
Re: *To Reconsider the Requirements on Local Exchange Companies
Adopted in Docket U-87-7492*
Docket No. 01-00799

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Pursuant to the Authority's Notice dated September 27, 2001, BellSouth is filing its comments with respect to whether the Authority should continue requiring local exchange companies to annually adjust their access rates in accordance with the rates established in Docket No. U-87-7492 ("the MEGACOM Order"). On August 18, 1998, in Docket No. 97-07628, the Authority determined that the price regulation statutes, including T.C.A. § 65-5-209, superceded the MEGACOM Order.

Accordingly, the MEGACOM Order, which is the subject of Docket No. U-87-7492, is no longer applicable to price-regulated companies such as BellSouth.

Respectfully submitted,



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